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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEBATE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE:
STATEMENTS BY CHILE AND BRAZIL

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6 WITH WESTWARD-TILTING STATEMENTS BY CHILE AND BRAZIL, BOTH OF WHICH EXHIBITED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THIS SOVIET INITIATIVE. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK AND ON THE ADVISABILITY OF HAVING THE SECRETARIAT COLLATE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY REMAINED UNRESOLVED AND WILL LIKELY BE SETTLED ON SEPTEMBER 8. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR CANALES OF CHILE CALLED FOR CAREFUL STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH AN INSTRUMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U.N. CHARTER. HE ARGUED THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT IS REPETITIVE, FOR IT INCLUDES PROVISIONS ALREADY CONTAINED IN THE U.N. CHARTER; THAT IT IS NOT

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COMPLETE AND DOES NOT MARK ANY ADVANCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW; AND THAT IT CONTAINS GAPS, FOR IT DOES NOT INCLUDE EXCEPTIONS SET FORTH IN THE U.N. CHARTER. CANALES OBSERVED THAT IF MEMBER STATES WOULD IN GOOD FAITH OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE U.N. CHARTER AND OTHER PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE CURRENT EXERCISE. HE BELIEVED THAT THE

COMMITTEE SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK BY HEARING THE MAXIMUM
NUMBER OF VIEWS FROM THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPEAKERS.

3. BRAZILIAN REP MAGNAVITA MADE A VERY BRIEF AND GENERAL
STATEMENT IN WHICH HE OBSERVED THAT THE U.N. CHARTER
COVERS ALL MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE IN
A "THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE WAY." HE SAID THAT HIS
DELEGATION IS UNCONVINCED OF THE NECESSITY OF PREPARING
A WORLD TREATY, BUT HE NOTED THAT BRAZIL COULD NOT FAIL
TO SUPPORT A DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL
PEACE AND SECURITY IF THE LANGUAGE OF SUCH A DOCUMENT
COULD BE AGREED UPON BY CONSENSUS. HE SUGGESTED THAT ANY
WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF FORCE SHOULD GO BEYOND
THE DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED FORCE AND SHOULD DEAL WITH MORE
SUBTLE FORMS OF THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE.

4. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM
OF WORK FOLLOWING THE GENERAL DEBATE AND THE ADVISABILITY
OF HAVING THE SECRETARIAT ISSUE "A COLLATION OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE SOVIET DRAFT" TREATY REMAINED UNRESOLVED.
CHAIRMAN CUEVAS CANCINO OBSERVED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL
HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF
CONSENSUS OR OF MAJORITY VOTE; HE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU
DOES NOT THINK THAT A MAJORITY VOTE WOULD BE IN ORDER.
THESE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WILL COME UP AGAIN FOR
DISCUSSION ON SEPTEMBER 8 AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE
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GENERAL DEBATE. FIVE SPEAKERS (TURKEY, UGANDA, EGYPT,
CYPRUS, AND FRG) ARE INSCRIBED FOR SEPTEMBER 7, AND FIVE
MORE (FRANCE, JAPAN, GREECE, BELGIUM, AND THE USSR) ARE
INSCRIBED FOR SEPTEMBER 8. DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS AND
ALLIES RE PROCEDURAL SITUATION REPORTED IN SEPTTEL.
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